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Family wants help solving murder 10 years after pub attack

WHO KILLED OUR KEVIN?

By Ben Wilkinson

THE family of a man killed 10 years ago this month have made an emotional plea for help in finding the killer.

Father-of-two Kevin Lavelle was killed by a blow to the head at a Banbury pub in June 2004.

Police say 10 people were in the Cricketer's Arms pub on the Grimsbury estate and at least one of them knows who killed the 29-year-old.

On Monday, Mr Lavelle's mother Joan wept as she told a press conference: "How can they live with this?"

"We feel they are laughing at us. They know who has done this."

The 67-year-old added: "Please come forward and take this pain from our hearts."

Mr Lavelle was working as a crane operator in Banbury. He was living above the pub with a friend and a group of Welshmen when a fight broke out among the residents. He was killed with his own dumbbell bar.

Thames Valley Police's major crime review team has taken over the investigation following the retirement of Detective Inspector Steve Duffy in February.

Officers have since visited South Wales and also re-interviewed the former landlord and landlady of the Middleton Road pub.

Principal investigator Pete Beirne said: "At the time all [the witnesses] gave accounts of what happened. However we do know that not everybody was entirely truthful as to what they recollected."

"As a result of that Kevin's killer remains at large."

"We want to do all we can to make sure whoever is responsible for Kevin's death is brought to justice."

Mr Lavelle's family travelled from Liverpool for the briefing at Thames Valley Police headquarters in Kidlington, including dad Patrick, 67, Kevin's widow Michelle, 42, sister Lesley, 43, and mother-in-law Linda Thomas, 66.

Mr Lavelle also left behind two young children - James, now 11, and Megan, 10.

Police are offering a £20,000 reward for information leading to a conviction and charity Crimestoppers is offering £5,000.

Mr Duffy, who led the case for 10 years, said: "This is a solvable murder. The reason it is solvable is it was witnessed. There are people who were there. I would appeal to



Joan and Patrick Lavelle, parents of murder victim Kevin Lavelle, pictured below

them to have the moral courage now to come forward.

"They must be aware that this is not going to go away."

A 2006 criminal prosecution against Ceri Noble, of Pontygaith, South Wales, collapsed after a judge said it was impossible to say who struck the fatal blow.

Anyone with information should call Mr Beirne on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.



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InBRIEF

Death was an accident

■ AN inquest has ruled the death of a former *Doctor Who* director was an accident.

Christopher Barry, 88, fell down the escalator in Debenhams at Castle Quay shopping centre in Banbury on February 7.

Mr Barry, of East End, Hook Norton, directed the first four series of the BBC show.

Oxfordshire Coroner's Court heard he was leaving the shop when it happened at about 2.45pm.

He later died at Horton Hospital in Banbury at 6pm.

His cause of death was recorded as a fractured pelvis from a fall together with heart disease. The post-mortem was unable to confirm whether his heart problem had caused the fall.

Assistant Coroner Nicholas Graham recorded a verdict of accidental death.

Plea to keep sheds locked

■ A SHED was broken into, leading to police calls for residents to keep them locked.

The shed in Church Lane was targeted by a burglar between Tuesday and Thursday. Thames Valley Police has not said if anything was stolen.

Organisers promise the show will go on



Banbury and District Show organisers Colin Clarke, left, chairman of Banbury Show committee and Mike Hall, town council recreation amenities manager, at Spiceball Park

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■ 'Back next year' pledge after heavy rain stops play

ORGANISERS of this year's cancelled Banbury and District Show have vowed next year's will go ahead.

This year's Banbury and District Show, was due to take place on Saturday. But it was called off only three days beforehand due to water-logged ground.

But organisers say next year's show will definitely go ahead and stallholders have pledged to pass on their fees to next year's event.

Chairman of the general services committee Colin Clarke said: "Lots of the stallholders and charity stall holders have all been very supportive and they all understand why we have had to cancel it.

"A good number of them have already said we can hold on to the funds for next year's show. There definitely will be a Banbury show next year.

"It is not going to cost the town council at all. We will be having a meeting in the next couple of months where we will be starting to talk about the show."

This year's event could not be re-arranged due to there being no other weekends free, and so the council has agreed to refund the acts due to appear in the arena.

But this is the first time that the town council has had to cancel an event since it

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was created in 2000.

Mr Clarke said: "As far as the artists appearing in the arena are concerned, we have contracts with them. We accept the fact that we put money aside for this show and in a number of cases, they are happy for us to hand it over to next year.

"We had a lot of rain last week and Spiceball Park is absolutely sodden. On the second field, a third of it is under water.

"There are a tremendous number of people involved and a great number of stallholders and they all have to be contacted. It is very disappointing."

Experts at the Met Office said that the area around South Newington had seen double the average amount of rainfall in the month ahead of the event.

Spokesman Dan Williams confirmed that 116.6mm of rain was recorded in South Newington – the nearest weather-monitoring site to Banbury – between May 1 and Wednesday, June 4.

The average rainfall for May is 61.5mm and for June is 49.4mm and Mr Williams said: "It is fairly high rainfall for that time of year."

The organisers have spent 10 months working on the fair and it was hoped that thousands of spectators would turn up to Spiceball Park.

Mr Clarke added: "It is about the biggest event that the town council has organised. But unfortunately, you can plan for everything, but not the weather."

Town mayor Sean Woodcock said: "I feel really sorry for the people that have been involved. It is a shock, but we would only do this if it was absolutely necessary."

Banbury Town Council's parks officer Mike Hall said: "I have monitored the conditions this week and the ground has steadily got softer and softer.

"After the continued rain on Wednesday the ground has become too sodden and taking vehicles on to the site could cause serious issues that would ultimately affect the safety of participants at the event and visitors to the show."

The free event had been organised by the Banbury Town Council, the Banbury Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Banbury Cherwell.

There was meant to be a dancing with the show compered by Radio Horton, steam engines, ferret racing, archery, falconry and go-karts.

■ Nine-year-old walks on to pitch for Miami match with Rooney

Joe wins job as an England mascot



Joe Scurr, above, pictured outside the stadium in the United States where the match took place; left, mascot Joe Scurr with Wayne Rooney, front right, at England's final World Cup warm-up match against Honduras at the Sun Life Stadium in Miami

Picture (left) courtesy of ITV

A FOOTBALL-MAD schoolboy fulfilled every fan's dream of walking on to the pitch next to his national heroes.

Joe Scurr, of Princethorpe Drive, Banbury, walked into Miami's Sun Life Stadium on Saturday next to Wayne Rooney before England's 0-0 draw against Honduras.

The nine-year-old was a mascot at the team's international friendly and got the chance to meet the England stars in the flesh.

Joe said: "I was a bit nervous, but I was excited. I think I was the only mascot who was really happy."

"When we got there, we went through the tunnel. We had a few minutes to meet and talk to the players and sign T-shirts."

"I met Glenn Johnson and Wayne Rooney. I said 'can you sign my T-shirt?'"

"I was excited and the players were excited."

Manchester United striker Rooney chose to walk on to the field with Joe and also posed for pictures with the Hill View School pupil.

Joe travelled to America with his football fan dad Mark Scurr on Thursday.

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The pair are members of the England Supporters' Group and young Joe went to his first international match aged four.

The Miami game was Joe's second away match watching the Three Lions. He also saw England play against Wales two years ago.

He said: "I was really excited, happy and lucky. It was my dream and I was just happy that I was with one of them."

He met Rooney, who has secured 91 caps for England, but said the footballer was hard-at-work concentrating on the game.

Saturday's match was disrupted for 30 minutes by a thunderstorm and torrential showers, but this did not faze the youngster.

And after seeing the players up close, he predicts that the England team will make it to the quarter-finals of the World Cup.

Joe said: "I think they have the chance. I think they will come third, or fifth. I'm watching out for Rooney and Gerrard."

"We are probably not going to win, but I think we will be in the quarter-finals."

"The match was good, but they were not passing enough."

"Football is one of my favourite things. I've been playing since I was six."

Joe is a striker for Drayton and goes to matches with his 35-year-old dad.

Mr Scurr works for Polestar Stones, a printing company, and also has a five-year-old daughter Ava.

The pair have purchased tickets for the World Cup semi-final in Brazil through the England Supporters' Group and have their fingers crossed that England make it to that round so they can get a taste of South America.

Mr Scurr said: "It was a really proud moment. I am made up for him and, as a kid, it is what everyone would want to do."

"It was very hot and a bit of fun going to Miami. Most of the time supporting England we get to go to places in Europe."

The pair flew out on Thursday to Miami ahead of the match and returned to Banbury on Monday.

Joe won the chance to be a mascot through the supporters' group englandfans after entering a prize draw.

InBRIEF

Unlimited swim offer

■ **N OXON:** Novice swimmers and Cherwell residents looking to improve their fitness this summer have been invited to apply for cheap swimming passes.

Adults can apply to pay £5 for one month of unlimited swimming at Banbury's Spiceball Leisure Centre, Bicester Leisure Centre and Kidlington and Gosford Leisure Centre.

The scheme kicked off on Sunday, June 1, and will run until August 31. Vouchers will be available to over-18s only on a first-come-first-served basis.

Cherwell District Council's deputy leader George Reynolds said: "This is a fantastic chance for people who have been thinking about getting back into physical activity to turn those thoughts into action."

Visit www.getoxfordshireactive.org/cherwell-swimming

Join in fun for Bodfest

■ **BODICOTE:** Organisers of the BodFest 2014 are still looking for traders to join the event's street market and food court.

Traders can sell goods in the market portion of the event on Saturday, July 12, which will also have music and activities.

The street market will be open from 11am to 5pm and the food court at Church House will be open from 11am to 11pm.

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InBRIEF**Pair steal car on test drive**

■ A CAR was stolen by thieves who took it on a test drive and never returned.

A man and a woman, who spoke with Welsh accents, stole the electric blue Ford Fiesta Zetec after requesting to try it at Wheelers Car Sales in Banbury Road, Chipping Norton, at about 3.30pm on May 29.

The dark silver Audi A3 convertible they drove to the garage in was later driven away by someone else.

Thames Valley Police described the man as about 5ft 4in, of medium build, aged about 30, and with short cropped spiked blonde hair.

The woman was white, about 5ft 3ins and slim, with long black hair.

Bike is stolen from stables

■ A MOTORBIKE was stolen from a stable after thieves cut a padlock with bolt croppers.

Crooks broke in to the Goose Lane premises in Bodicote and stole a blue and white Yamaha 125cc scrambler between 10pm on Friday, May 23, and 7am on Saturday, May 24.

Anyone with information can call the non-emergency number 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Novel idea to highlight banning prison books

THE owner of a book shop is hoping his customers will send him to prison.

Patrick Neale, pictured, co-owner of the Jaffé & Neale Bookshop & Café in Chipping Norton, is hoping to spend June 19 in the cells at the old Hammersmith Magistrates' Court, as part of a campaign by The Howard League for Penal Reform against a proposed

ban on books being given to prisoners in England and Wales.

Mr Neale will receive the "punishment" during which he will be allowed the book of his choice, Dostoyesky's *Crime and Punishment*, provided he receives enough votes from customers who will also be asked to make a donation.

An online jury will send six defendants with the most votes to jail.

Mr Neale said: "I want to make sure anyone who goes to prison can be sent books. Education is an essential part of rehabilitation, and besides, buying books is good for my business."

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■ Inspector tells council to find additional locations

It's deja vu in hunt for new home sites

PLANNERS have gone back to the drawing board to find sites for thousands more homes across Cherwell.

An inspector dramatically halted an inquiry over Cherwell District Council's local plan last week, telling the council to come back in six months' time with sites for 6,050 more homes.

It came months after a report by the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) which said Oxfordshire would need to build 100,000 homes by 2031.

The Bodicote-based council had mapped sites for 16,750 new homes by 2031. But the inspector told the council it needed to find sites for 22,800 homes.

Cherwell says it will now review sites already approved for development to see if they can take more homes.

The search will focus in Banbury, Bicester, Kidlington, and Upper Heyford, it said.

Leader of the opposition and councillor for Banbury's Ruscote ward Sean Woodcock said that there had been a lot of work to develop brownfield sites in the town, but there would not be enough to make up the number of houses.

He said: "Naturally it is a disappointing

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result that the local plan has been suspended. Part of the problem is that the development in Cherwell has been ad hoc and sporadic. Unfortunately, I think there is a lot of uncertainty at the moment. There has been a lot of good work to develop brownfield sites in the town, but that is not going to be enough to make up the deficit.

"That is why we have been calling for a proper local plan. It is a worry for people that development will come into places that really can't sustain it."

Independent councillor Les Sibley said: "The local plan's in tatters. It's going to be another year's delay."

"This is a gift for developers who will be scrambling against each other to put in bids for land for potential houses."

The Oxford branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England claim the SHMA report is "deeply flawed" and "wildly overstates" the numbers of homes needed.

It says councils should not be forced to "revisit" their local plans.

Director Helen Marshall said: "The Inspector is right that the numbers should

reflect an up-to-date assessment of housing need. However, we have put forward compelling evidence that the current SHMA is based on false assumptions and inaccurate predictions and, as yet, we have received no response to the concerns we have raised."

Cherwell's executive member for planning Michael Gibbard said: "While this delay is disappointing, it is important to note this is not a failure or a rejection."

"The inspector does have the power to stop the process and not proceed with the plan but he didn't do that."

Since last October the council has lost appeals for more than 500 homes because the current local plan is out of date and the council has not met government housing targets. Banbury's MP Sir Tony Baldry said: "Cherwell District Council and local people, having managed to agree a local plan, deserve to have that plan properly considered."

Cherwell says its modified plan will go out to public consultation this autumn, before the hearing resumes in December. It hopes the local plan could be adopted by next March.

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■ New report shows 1,800 children helped by county's food banks

Feeding the 'needy' doubles in one year

By Matt Oliver

MORE than 1,800 children in Oxfordshire had to live on three days' worth of emergency food from food banks last year – more than double the previous year.

The new figures published by the Trussell Trust, Oxford-based charity Oxfam and Church Action on Poverty also show more than 2,500 adults in the county who could not afford to feed themselves were referred to the service.

The previous year 893 children and 993 adults used the food banks in Bicester and Banbury.

Their report, called *Below the Breadline*, released on Monday, claims that Government changes to the welfare system are partly to blame.

There are six other food banks in the county including Cowley-based Community Emergency Foodbank (CEF) which has warned the number of people using its services has risen by 70 per cent in a year.

Based out of St Francis Church in Holloway, the food bank said it helped 3,300 residents between April 2013 and 2014, with about one third being children.

The previous year it saw 1,900.

CEF spokeswoman Jane Benyon said: "The demand has always existed, but more people are now aware of us and more agencies are referring them to us.

"People have also been coming through because of sanctions imposed on them, or delays between switching benefits.

"The stories have not really changed over the years."

Referrals to food banks are made by care professionals such as doctors, social workers and the Citizens Advice Bureau. The CEF runs from 12pm to 2pm on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Abingdon Emergency Foodbank coordinator Hilary Beale said: "We are getting a lot of families coming in who previously kept things together but are now struggling." Oxford City Council has set up "welfare support team" to help benefit claimants with changes.

Executive board member for services Susan Brown said: "This is a worrying increase and from my experience it does seem to be a direct result of Government benefit changes.

"The city council will continue to provide assistance, but we also want to avoid the need for them in the first place."



Sarah Williams, Banbury food bank manager, MP Sir Tony Baldry and councillor John Donaldson at the foodbank launch in the Peoples' Church in 2011

A spokeswoman for the Department for Work and Pensions said: "This report overlooks basic facts about the strength of our welfare system.

"As part of our long-term economic plan we're fixing the welfare system to improve the lives of some of the poorest families."

Are you ready for the flower show?

GARDENERS and craft workers have been urged to plan their exhibits for this year's Banbury Flower and Produce Show.

Residents can win awards for their flowers, vegetables, cakes and preserves at the town's Food Fair on Sunday, August 17.

There will also be separate awards for children with prizes for the under-fives and for six- to 10 year-olds.

Former town mayor Rosemarie Higham said: "I supported the show in 2013 and was asked to judge the children's category. I was very impressed with the creativity of

the children. The event attracted a huge number of entries and the standards were very high. I am extremely pleased to be associated with the event again this year and I am looking forward to seeing the exhibits and meeting the entrants."

There are 93 classes in six categories at the show in Banbury Market Place. The show will be held in conjunction with the town's food fair.

Entry is free, but entrants have to send in their entry forms to the town council by Thursday, August 14.

InBRIEF

Man exposed himself

■ A CYCLIST exposed himself to a woman sitting on a park bench.

Police said the man slowly cycled past the woman, who is in her 40s, and touched himself inappropriately.

It happened in the Bridge Street park at about 7.50pm on Monday, June 2.

Thames Valley Police described the suspect as white and fair skinned and about 5ft 10in tall.

He had an accent thought to be Scandinavian and was wearing black cycling shorts and a black T-shirt.

Call police on 101.

Diary date for charity day

■ A FAMILY fun day will be held for a charity which supports people affected by the death of a baby.

The event will be held on Sunday, June 22, at Horton View sport ground pavilion in Horton View from 2pm to 4pm.

The event will include fete games, a bouncy castle, face painting, pottery and a fire engine.

It will raise money for Oxfordshire Sands, which support families affected by the death of a baby.

Delays after train hits dog

■ THE line between Oxford and Banbury was closed on Sunday after a train hit a dog at the level crossing at Tackley.

Lines towards Banbury were reopened soon afterwards, but passengers travelling on Oxford-bound trains were delayed by 40 minutes throughout the afternoon.

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Ex-teacher denies abuse

■ A FORMER teacher at the renowned Guildhall School of Music on Monday denied sexually abusing eight women in the 1970s and 1980s.

Philip Pickett, of Lyneham Farm Cottages, Lyneham, near Chipping Norton, appeared at the Old Bailey to plead not guilty to 12 charges including rape and indecent assault.

One of the victims was under 14 years old at the time of the attack in 1974, it is claimed.

The 63-year-old worked as a freelance classical music teacher at Guildhall, in London, between 1972 and 1997.

He is due to stand trial at the Old Bailey on Monday, September 15.

It was originally listed for January 2015 but was moved forward by judge Charles Wide QC last month.

Pickett remains on conditional bail.

Vehicles are broken into

■ TWO vehicles were broken into while left parked in a village street in the Milcombe area.

The break-ins took place overnight on Wednesday and Thursday but Thames Valley Police did not say if anything had been stolen.



Catherine Blaxhall, head of carers support at Carers Oxfordshire

Unpaid carers told: There's help for you

Information stand at Banbury market on Saturday

By Dan Robinson

LESS than one-third of the estimated 61,000 volunteer carers in Oxfordshire get the help they need, according to the Carers Oxfordshire group that looks out for them.

The group, set up by Oxfordshire County Council three years ago to find people who don't even realise they are a carer, says only 18,000 people who act as carers have been identified.

These are people who have to devote much of their time to look after friends and relatives who need their support, often abandoning jobs to do so.

Carers Oxfordshire head of carers support Catherine Blaxhall said: "It's something which can be gradual over time when someone you know gets older or it can come suddenly when there's been an accident and you have to look after a person.

"But there are so many times I've talked to people who have been doing it for years and have seen the lightbulb moment when they suddenly realise they are a carer.

"If you start to undertake a role in which you wouldn't expect in your relationship, like helping someone eat or go to the toilet, that's when you start thinking you are providing a crucial support.

"It doesn't make them any less of a husband, wife, brother or whatever, but it's an acknowledgement that you are doing a bit more and there is help out there for you."

Carers Oxfordshire will have an information stand at Banbury market on Saturday from 9am to 3pm.

The organisation provides support for unpaid carers in the county so they can continue their work, including offering peer support groups, one-to-one advice, phone service and training opportunities, including its Confidence 2 Care programme consisting of five free sessions.

Mrs Blaxhall said: "It's about letting peo-

ple know they aren't alone because it can feel isolating when you're a carer, so knowing you aren't the only person out there can help.

"There is help out for them and they just need to access it."

Nationally, Mrs Blaxhall said the work of unpaid carers saves £119bn, while the NHS spends about £97bn on providing professional carers.

She added: "They are absolutely essential because most people want to stay in their own homes for as long as possible and without the love and care they receive from family members, neighbours and friends that may not be possible.

"Without that support there would be a huge strain on costs to the welfare state to provide that care."

But Mrs Blaxhall – who is working alongside pharmacists to help identify unpaid carers picking up prescriptions for others – said it is crucial carers don't turn a blind eye to their own health.

She said: "It's important they make sure their GP knows they are a carer. For instance if you are under 65 you wouldn't be eligible for a flu vaccination but you would be if you are a carer."

The county council has a joint carers strategy with Carers Oxfordshire and the NHS Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group.

There is a £1.5m budget for carers of adults, which includes funding for Carers Oxfordshire, grants for carers and providing advice and support services.

Without the aid of respite care, Rose Lakeman said that her 16-year-old daughter Chelsea wouldn't be able to stay at home.

Mrs Lakeman had to give up her job as a professional carer for elderly people to become a full-time unpaid carer at the family's Sandford-on-Thames home.

Chelsea, a nominee for the Pride of Oxfordshire award at this year's Oxfordshire Youth Awards, suffers from metachromatic leukodystrophy, a condition which causes progressive loss of physical and mental capability. It prevents her from walking and speaking, as well as carrying out simple tasks like eating on her own.

Mrs Lakeman, 55, said: "She fully needs looking after for everything. It's a 24/7 job unless we have carers in helping us.

"Without the respite care we receive we wouldn't be able to keep her at home.

"It can get overwhelming and we have counsellors at Helen House who talk to us about the situation and give us support."

Caring full-time for a loved one can be isolating, according to mum-of-three Sue Dorrington. She has been looking after her 16-year-old son Joran Humphreys since he was born with learning and physical difficulties after contracting meningitis.

He attends the mainstream Marlborough School in Woodstock and his mum says it is important to set realistic expectations.

Mrs Dorrington, from Long Wittenham, near Abingdon, said: "It's physically demanding. But it's been a very enriching experience and we're all more understanding and empathetic people because we see his frustration and the barriers he has to overcome."

Call the Carers Oxfordshire support line on 0845 050 7666, where carers can speak to specially trained advisors about what help is available.

This could include information on access to grants, respite breaks and health assessments. Visit carersoxfordshire.gov.uk.

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Stately homes 'star' in a new BBC drama

By Alex Wynick

TWO stately homes are going to be the setting for new BBC2 drama *Wolf Hall*, with filming beginning earlier this week.

Broughton Castle, near Banbury, and Chastleton House near Chipping Norton, will act as backdrops for the Tudor drama, starring *Homeland* star Damian Lewis as Henry VIII.

Filming for the six-part series, which is an adaptation of Hilary Mantel's best-selling novel, will take place over the summer, and the show will be broadcast in 2015.

It will chart the rise of Thomas Cromwell in the Tudor court, from a blacksmith's son to becoming Henry VIII's closest advisor.

Programme publicist Lisa Vanoli said: "*Wolf Hall* is set in Tudor England and these splendid properties offer the wide range of filming locations both interior and outside that the series requires."

Filming was supposed to be taking place in central Oxford, including on the Bridge of Sighs, but those scenes were cut.

Actor Mark Rylance, who plays Cromwell, said: "I love it when an author, such as Hilary Mantel, does her research and discovers an original understanding of a very familiar piece of history."

"Even during our rehearsals her detailed imagination of the world of Thomas Cromwell is alive."

Broughton Castle is closed because of filming on Sunday, Wednesday, July 16 and Thursday, July 17.

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InBRIEF

Bike stolen from porch

■ A BICYCLE has been stolen from the porch outside a home in the Little Bourton.

Thames Valley Police said the burglary happened in Chapel Lane overnight between Friday and Saturday.

Anyone with information can call police on 101.

Died following a night out

■ A 67-YEAR-OLD man died after apparently falling into a cellar window following a night out drinking.

Roger Callow, of The Paddocks, Deddington, was found outside a property in New Street in the early hours of May 23. The retired kitchen assistant had last been seen leaving the Crown and Tuns pub in New Street.

Opening the inquest at Oxfordshire Coroners' Court yesterday, coroner Darren Salter said: "It appeared he fell into a cellar window, where he died."

A post-mortem report showed he died of positional asphyxia due to alcohol intoxication and a head injury.

The inquest was adjourned until Wednesday, September 17.

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999 strike call: pledge of cover

OXFORDSHIRE'S Fire and Rescue Service has pledged to respond to every 999 call during the upcoming firefighter strike.

The next industrial action is for 24 hours from 9am today and from 10am to 5pm on Saturday, June 21.

A mixture of non-striking full-time personnel and on-call staff will provide cover locally, according to the fire service.

Deputy chief fire officer Nathan Travis said: "We have a cover plan in place which we have utilised well during previous FBU-called strike periods and there is an agreement with the FBU locally that striking firefighters will return to work if an incident occurred which required a significant amount of firefighters to attend."

"There are also some simple, practical steps which residents in their home or on the road can take at any time to help keep Oxfordshire as safe as possible."

"These include checking that smoke alarms work; ensuring electrical sockets are not overloaded; making sure vehicles are road-safe by checking tyre pressures to help guard against a potentially accident-causing blow-out."

The strikes are over pension reforms.

■ Cash machines set on fire as detectives hunt arsonist on a bike

Police probing four blazes in one night

A CYCLING arsonist started four fires in Banbury on June 5 leaving High Street taped off by police.

Three cash machines in High Street were set alight at about 2.15am, causing damage to the buildings although no money was stolen.

The three banks targeted were Santander, Yorkshire Bank and Lloyds. A short time afterwards Freemasons Hall in Marlborough Road was also set alight.

All the fires were believed to have been started deliberately using petrol, but the fire service extinguished them and nobody was injured.

All three banks said they were cooperating with police investigations. Santander was initially

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closed, before reopening later that day.

Lloyds spokesman James Birch said: "We are aware of an incident that occurred at the Lloyds Bank branch in Banbury and are assisting police with their investigations."

The offender was described by Thames Valley Police as male and wearing a floppy fishing hat, baggy jeans and a dark coat. He was riding a dark bicycle and had a carrier bag.

Anyone with information about the incidents should contact the police on the non-emergency number 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



The burnt-out Lloyds, left, and Yorkshire Bank cash machines

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LEFT: Emma Read prepares to lead off The Valley Girls, who have signed up to cycle 470km across rural Rajasthan in February

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Female riders hope to raise £40,000 for charities

Teaming up for a 470km challenge

A GROUP of mothers have started their training for an adventure of a lifetime.

The 18 women from the Cherwell Valley – who call themselves the Valley Girls – are planning to cycle 470km across rural Rajasthan, India, to raise money for a number of charities.

In the process, they are leaving behind 12 husbands, one fiancé, one boyfriend and 34 children.

They will leave next February and aim to raise a total of £40,000, to be split between the British Heart Foundation, Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals Charitable Fund, Vasculitis UK and Southampton Hospital Charity.

Lower Heyford mother-of-two Emma Read said: "It is going to be a real adventure and a real physical challenge.

"We are all very close and all of our children have grown up together, so there is a real camaraderie.

"I have also been to India

By Matt Oliver

myself about 30 years ago, so I can't wait to go back to see how it has changed."

The idea came to them after one of the women had to abandon a planned ride in Cuba when she became pregnant, but still wanted a challenge to get fit.

Some of the women have cycled long distances before, Mrs Read said, but for many it would be a fresh challenge.

The 53-year-old said: "We are all doing it for different reasons, for fun or fitness aspects, but it just seemed like a wonderful thing to do as it also raises money for charity.

"The training has already started and so people will see us riding around in our Valley Girls shirts. I think we are all up for it. Quite a few of us recently did a 45-mile ride around the Cotswolds and that went well."

Each of the charities hold personal significance for the women, who got to know each other through their children.

The British Heart Foundation is being supported by Mrs Read and her two children, Chris, 18, and Charlotte, 15.

Mrs Read's husband, George, died ten years ago after a heart attack.

She said: "That is one reason why my charity was chosen, but they are all personal to us.

"My kids have actually been very supportive of the challenge. They think it is great that I'm doing it.

"It's a nice example for us to set really, because they probably think we're old fossils."

The Valley Girls will be holding fundraising events throughout the summer. They are also asking for donations through the website:

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Countdown to town's big annual food fair

TV chef hopes to cook up a storm

CELEBRITY chef and a star of the BBC show *Ready Steady Cook*, Brian Turner, will be swapping the TV studio for a visit to Banbury this summer.

The 68-year-old is the main attraction at the town's annual food fair.

He worked for more than 14 years on the cookery show and was awarded a CBE for his services to tourism and training in the catering industry in 2002.

The *Yorkshireman* will be joined by *Great British Bake Off* finalist Kimberley

By Peter Truman

Wilson in August.

Mr Turner said: "I am getting excited about visiting Banbury.

"I am looking forward to finding out about the local produce so that perhaps we can conjure up something magical to eat."

There will be 100 stalls at the event, which is due to be staged on Sunday, August 17. On offer will be everything ranging from jams, fruit, and vegetables to flowers and drinks.

Miss Wilson will

demonstrate the cooking skills that saw her become runner-up in this year's BBC2 contest.

Mr Turner will present the Banbury Cook Off – where six contestants will battle it out to see who can make the best mains, desserts or starters.

He will then show off some tasty recipes in Banbury's Market Place.

The free event, organised by the town council, will also offer pizza-making sessions for the children and will run alongside the town's flower and produce show.



ABOVE:
Celebrity
chef Brian
Turner



LEFT: *Great British Bake Off* finalist Kimberley Wilson

Former rock star plans a 70th birthday bash

FORMER professional rock musician Roger Neill will celebrate his 70th birthday in style by organising a concert by members of the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment.

The orchestra usually performs in concert halls and opera houses, but at 3pm on Sunday, it will play at Kings Sutton – at the church of St Peter and St Paul.

Players will be Matthew Truscott on violin, Mark Braithwaite on viola, Luise Buchberger on the cello, Chi-chi Nwanoku on double bass and Sam Haywood on piano. They will perform Schubert's *Trout Quintet*. The Orchestra of the Age of

Enlightenment is currently resident at the South Bank Centre, London, and at Glyndebourne Festival Opera and is Anvil Arts Orchestra in Association, in Basingstoke.

Mr Neill has been involved in music for many years promoting musicians, concerts and festivals. He is the founder of Docklands Sinfonietta/Sinfonia 21 and chairman of Endymion Ensemble, and was involved in the re-building of Shakespeare's Globe in London and the restoration of Blackheath Concert Halls.

Tickets cost £15, concessions £10 and children free, and are available on the door.



Roger Neill at the 1870 Broadwood piano in Kings Sutton Church

Shock at absentees

MORE than 2,000 secondary school pupils missed at least 11 days of school in the autumn term.

The Department for Education has published school absence rates for the first academic term, which showed 6.7 per cent of pupils at state schools in Oxfordshire had missed a large amount of school time.

Oxfordshire is the fourth worst in the South East.

However, at primary school level, only 3.4 per cent missed a similar amount of school days, meaning the county has an absence rate of 4.7 per cent – the same as the national average.

Nationally, the percentage of pupils absent during the autumn term for 22 or more sessions (half a day) has fallen

from 10.3 per cent in 2009.

Of the 7,379 four-year-olds who started school in September, the county had an average absence rate of 5.4 per cent – slightly higher than the national average of 5.3 per cent.

There are 72,645 children at state schools in the county, of which 30,389 attend secondary school.

Oxfordshire County Council education chief Melinda Tilley said: "This is on our radar. We are trying to get to grips with it."

Lib-Dem education spokesman John Hibson said: "These figures are only for one term, but it is a key period for teaching and learning."

"We will not build a skills-based economy on children missing schooling to this extent."

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■ Inquiry into Cherwell's future planning policy temporarily halted



John Broad, from the Campaign to Protect Rural England

Inspector calls for review of the Green Belt

A PLANNING inspector has said a complete review of Oxfordshire's Green Belt may be needed.

His comments came last week as he temporarily halted an inquiry that was looking into Cherwell District Council's development strategy.

Nigel Payne, who has been appointed by the Government to examine the district council's Local Plan, said the authority's housing target might be too low and told its officers to look at the figures again.

In the Local Plan – its planning policy blueprint for the future – the council is proposing to build 16,750 homes by 2031. But this is significantly lower than the 22,800 homes which a recent study – commissioned by all of Oxfordshire's councils – said it should build by that year.

The study – or Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) – has been criticised by those who fear Oxfordshire's green spaces could be paved over.

Ian Kemp, the programme officer for the inquiry, said: "The inspector suggested that Cherwell could accommodate a higher house-building figure, in line with the SHMA."

"The inspector said it would be helpful if there was a review of the Oxfordshire Green Belt, so

By Damian Fantato

everyone would know where they stood. But it was not something he could control. He doesn't have the powers."

It was announced in March that the SHMA recommended more than 100,000 homes would need to be built across Oxfordshire by 2031.

The Oxfordshire Green Belt stretches around Oxford, from Bletchington in the north to Warborough in the south.

City council leader Bob Price said: "It is such a large part of the county that I cannot see how you can possibly seek to absorb those housing numbers without a review of the Green Belt."



Banbury MP Sir Tony Baldry

"What the inspector said broadly reflects the view of the city council."

But John Broad, from the Campaign to Protect Rural England, criticised the city council for not supporting the district council.

He said: "Oxford has done a spoiling operation on the Local Plan. The city should be supporting Cherwell rather than throwing spanners."

After the planning inspector voiced his concerns, the hearing was halted while Cherwell's planning officers discussed what to do.

The hearing resumed later as the district council and other parties at the inquiry discussed the extent of the changes the Local Plan would need.

Banbury MP Sir Tony Baldry said: "I don't see what possible benefit there is for the inspector bringing the public examination of Cherwell District Council's Local Plan to a halt."

"Clearly everyone recognises that one of the crucial decisions the planning inspector is going to have to make is what is the appropriate level of housing need in Cherwell between now and 2031. That is likely to have an impact on other district councils in Oxfordshire, like South Oxfordshire, which already has an agreed Local Plan."

InBRIEF

Cast is on the award shortlist

■ CAST and crew of Banbury Cross Players' production of *Calendar Girls* have been shortlisted for a national award. The stars of the show were named in the top three for the Tim Firth Award for best amateur production at an event with the original *Calendar Girls*, whose tale inspired the play. The players' production was praised for raising funds for Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research. The event celebrated the amateur dramatic stage-show versions of the film, which has raised more than £100,000. Director Clare Lester said: "*Calendar Girls* was so much a part of our lives and we are delighted our efforts on behalf of Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research were recognised in this way."

Festive date

■ TRADITIONAL English games and festivities will take place this month at Aynhoe Park. Winterwell 2014 will play host to a cricket match, croquet tournament, live music and a feast. There will also be garden games, fireworks and live DJs at the Eccentric English Garden party. The event, at the Aynho estate, near Banbury, will take place on Saturday, starting at noon. For more information visit: www.winterwell.co.uk

Feedback plea

■ OXFORDSHIRE Clinical Commissioning Group is encouraging patients and the public to join their local GP practices' patient participation group. The groups of active volunteer patients meet regularly with practice staff and GPs, provide feedback on the services and suggest how improvements can be made. To become involved, contact the practice manager at your local GP surgery.



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Battling illness led to transformation

A LIFELONG struggle with coeliac disease has led to a whole new lifestyle for Kate Michalkova – including winning a fitness modelling title in a national competition.

And now the busy mum-of-two from Banbury wants to inspire others to take charge of their diet and fitness.

"Fitness gives me energy – it is my sanity," says Kate, 39, who is originally from Slovakia but has lived in Oxfordshire since 2005.

"Simply working out gives me joy and happiness and I wish this feeling upon anybody."

Kate was diagnosed when she was two years old.

"I had become very unwell as soon as my mum introduced gluten into my diet. I started to develop horrible tummy aches and a runny tummy, I also started to lose weight rapidly but had a very swollen tummy," she says.

"My health became very unstable, I had lots of respiratory problems, looked very pale and had cold sores on my mouth all the time.

"It took doctors a long time to diagnose me as the coeliac illness was not very common then."

For the next few years Kate was in and out of hospitals, as well as being sent to spas.

"In those days, we are talking about 1977, coeliac disease was considered a curable condition so doctors put me back onto wheat diet when I was six years old," says Kate. "Surprisingly I took well to it and was considerably fine for almost 20 years.

"I can remember being on antibiotics quite often, as well continuing having cold sores and bloated tummy, but we did not pay any attention to it."

That was to change after the birth of her daughter Lucy, who is now 14.

"After I had my first child by C-section and had gone through very tough personal marriage problems, I started to feel very withdrawn, very weak and ill. I felt like fainting all the time, was extremely dizzy and lost lots of weight," recalls Kate, who also has a son, Daniel, six.

Her weight went down to 5st 6lb and she was admitted to hospital several times to be put on the drips.

"It continued for three years. I was at the doctors non-stop being considered as depressed or a lunatic hypochondriac," she says. "I couldn't see a way out of it and felt seriously terminally ill."

But finally she was diagnosed and started on a gluten and wheat-free diet.

She also started to exercise as she was indoors and working a lot on a PC running an export company.

"I felt I needed to change my life," she says. "I trained myself from the scratch and introduced healthy meals into my diet.

"I started to make new recipes and turned my fitness into my profession and passion."



Kate Michalkova with her son Daniel Lucas-James Hutchins, six, and daughter Lucy Kopcokova, 14

Last year she gained a fitness diploma to do personal training and give nutrition advice; she gives classes in kettlebells and body and booty toning at EP Gym, Banbury; is a part-time instructor at Spiceball Leisure Centre, Banbury; works with care homes helping elderly people with mobility and has won or been placed in the top three in a selection of national fitness modelling competitions including Ms Bikini (over 36) at the Miami PRO event in London.

Kate says competitions aren't for everyone but she is evangelical about spreading a healthy lifestyle message.

"Competing requires a lot of sacrifices and dedication but to make fitness a part of your life that is something I would highly recommend to people, and if I motivate and inspire at least one person a day I can live with that," says Kate.

She offers personal training classes for people looking to get stage ready or lose weight (£30 an hour with fitness packages available) and wants to develop her business further.

"I want to help mums to get back to the shape after either having a baby or simply just letting themselves go.

"I love inspiring and motivating people, especially busy mums like myself to workout actively and reach for their goals never mind the obstacles," says Kate.

Plans for the future include a website, currently under construction, where her recipes and training tips will be available from £5.99 per month and she's planning her own line of gym wear.

■ To contact Kate see facebook.com/kate.michalkova or call 07903 845 583

Daily exercise and good food

IT'S fair to say that Kate Michalkova's life revolves around health and fitness.

"I train two to three times a day when I am in competition preparation, about four weeks before my competitions, otherwise once or twice a day, six days a week," she says. "Sunday is my day off usually from training but I still actively do something whether is house clean, walking, playing squash or swimming. "When I am not in a competition

season I still eat very healthily with lots of veg, herbs, ginger, chilli, garlic, and gluten-free protein pancakes..

"Rice cakes and nut butters are my treat... and dark chocolate.

"I eat sweet potatoes and rice a few times a week and on Sunday I do allow myself a big roast dinner with gluten-free Yorkshire puddings and all of the roasted vegetables, as well as roasted potatoes and a gluten-free crumble with custard now and then."



From being dangerously ill at 5st 6lb Kate Michalkova has changed her life through diet and exercise.

JAINE BLACKMAN reports

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Fairytale story of a regal star that fails to deliver

GRACE OF MONACO (PG, 103 mins) Drama/Romance. Nicole Kidman, Tim Roth, Frank Langella, Paz Vega, Parker Posey, Derek Jacobi, Geraldine Somerville, Robert Lindsay, Roger Ashton-Griffiths, Andre Penvern. Director: Olivier Dahan.

Olivier Dahan's fictionalised account of a turbulent year in the life of Hollywood actress Grace Kelly begins with newsreel footage of the Oscar-winning star's lavish wedding to Prince Rainier III.

Grainy black and white images are complemented by effusive voiceover, which glowingly predicts the blonde starlet is "destined to live happily ever after with her charming prince".

Alas, the picture doesn't deliver a happy ever after for *Grace Of Monaco*, which must have required several blood transfusions following the barrage of razor-sharp critical barbs that greeted the film's premiere in Cannes last month.

Undeniably, Dahan's picture lacks substance and some of his directorial choices are misjudged, such as photographing the porcelain features of Nicole Kidman in soft-focus close-up for every pivotal scene of emotional turmoil.

His camera drifts woozily between her bloodshot eyes and puckered lips as she delivers Arash Amel's melodramatic script.

The year is 1962 and it has been six years since Grace (Kidman) married Prince Rainier III (Roth) and retired from acting to assume her

role as glamorous figurehead of the European principality of Monaco.

Hitchcock, who directed *Grace in Rear Window*, *Dial M For Murder* and *To Catch A Thief*, arrives in Monaco to persuade her to play the kleptomaniac heroine in *Marnie*.

"It's going to be the role of a lifetime, Gracie!" the filmmaker predicts.

Closer to home, president Charles de Gaulle (Andre Penvern) intends to reclaim the principality and demands the citizens of Monaco pay their tax coffers into French pockets.

"You agree to my terms or I will send Monaco back to the Dark Ages," de Gaulle threatens, stopping short of a throaty pantomime villain guffaw.

Thus, Grace must choose between personal dreams and regal responsibilities, with guidance from ex-pat holy man, Father Francis (Frank Langella).

It's hard to muster sympathy for anyone in *Grace Of Monaco* – not the self-serving bureaucrats nor the privileged social set, who savour the trappings of wealth, birthright and celebrity.

Kidman attempts to capture Kelly's vocal patterns but she's poorly served by the script when it comes to layering her breathy delivery with emotion.

Roth is lacklustre and Langella lends gravitas to an endless supply of hoary sermons ("At some point, every fairy tale must end!")

For its myriad failings, including an infuriating inability to address Kelly's relationship with her



A scene from *Grace Of Monaco*, with Frank Langella, as Father Francis Tucker, and Nicole Kidman as Grace Kelly

Picture: PA Photo/Warner Brothers

children, which is supposedly the catalyst for her inner turmoil, the film has fleeting pleasures.

Gigi Lepage's costumes are gorgeous, allowing Kidman to change attire with dizzying frequency, and when juicy dialogue is scant, the supporting cast merrily chew on scenery.

It's a toss-up between Robert Lindsay's portrayal of Aristotle Onassis and Ashton-Griffiths' jowly take on Hitchcock who leaves the deepest teeth marks.

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Joe White's unbeaten 69 led hosts Tew to a 129-1 and victory in exactly 21 overs after a disciplined bowling display had restricted Cumnor to just 126.

Tew will now visit Dorset/Wiltshire champions Parley in the first national round on June 22.

White hit 10 fours in his 57-ball knock and received support from Markus Jeacock (31) before Harry Smith finished the job.

Cumnor, who opted to bat after winning the toss, were second best throughout.

They were pegged back by openers Lawrence Brock and Robbie Shurmer, finding themselves 20-2 after 10 overs.

James Lee and James Fitzjohn were the

early victims before captain Matt Lake and Sam Jones started rebuilding.

Skipper Andy Harris removed his opposite number just before the drinks interval, which came with Cumnor 57-3.

The visitors soon nosedived to 71-6, with James Douglas, Ali Morteza and Harry Ackland going cheaply.

Morteza, a potential dangerman, was well caught in the deep by Catling for a first-ball duck off Harris.

Carl Thompson was left kicking himself after driving uppishly to Harris at mid-off to make it 91-7.

They had just reached 100 when Max Manning fell and it was effectively all over when Jones holed out for 38 off 67 balls.

Adam Jones hit one defiant six, but was caught out by Jack Haggett off the final ball.

This gave Harris a fourth wicket, but it had been a well-controlled team bowling display, with Shurmer, Ian Bryan and White bagging two victims each.

White and Jeacock began the Tew reply in comfortable fashion.

They eased to 40-0 after 10 overs – although White was then dropped.

He made the most of his second chance by accelerating away to reach 50 off as many balls.

The only danger for Tew was whether rain might stop them batting the 20 overs required to constitute a match.

Cumnor avoided a 10-wicket defeat when Chris Mitty expertly stumped Jeacock off a Sam Jones wide.

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Joe White brings up his 50 as Cumnor wicket-keeper Chris Mitty is unable to stop the boundary

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LIBRA

Sep 23-Oct 22

You are not thinking matters properly and if you are not careful, you are going to lose something that means far more to you than you have previously been prepared to admit. Time spent alone midweek should give you the chance to re-evaluate your life. You have some really big decisions to make, but with honesty you can find the right answer for you. Ring now to reveal all.

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TAURUS

Apr 20-May 20

Stop trying to make major changes to your life and work instead on the small things you can change. By taking little simple steps, you will enable yourself to build the base which will give your future the stability your sign needs and desires. Heart to hearts had on Friday can change everything, so make sure you speak from your heart. Ring now for a message from Uranus.

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SCORPIO

Oct 23-Nov 21

Try to be careful how much you tell your family about the events that have recently been occurring in your love life. Leave a little to the imagination or you will stop yourself from gaining the freedom that is so important to a sign such as you. New places that you visit are to be of great importance to your future. Ring now to hear why it's imperative you are on time this week.

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GEMINI

May 21-Jun 20

An absent mind which the stars cast over you this week could see you forgetting important things. Try to make a game plan for yourself Gemini. It can save you from making several apologies if you do. Your ruling planet Mercury gives you ideas of travel but check dates with others before you commit. You may have to fit in with others to get the best deal. Ring now, we need to talk about last week.

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SAGITTARIUS

Nov 22-Dec 21

You are so worried about gaining the approval of a new face that you are failing to join in with the fun. Start relaxing and be yourself and you will find that everything will fall into place. Don't believe rumours that are told to you by younger faces. Aspects suggest they may have an ulterior motive. Work and travel bring good results. Ring now to better understand those mixed messages.

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CANCER

Jun 21-Jul 22

Playing games in love cannot and should not be an option. You may think it is fun but the one who is involved may never recover from what occurs, so try to back off short term fun and think of long term answers instead. Temporary offers in your career could turn out to be permanent, so make sure you show yourself at your best. Ring now to hear who can't get off their mind this month.

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CAPRICORN

Dec 22-Jan 19

Your element of earth is making it hard for you to adapt to some of the forced changes placed upon your life. Give yourself more time to acclimatise and use Tuesday to research your options in your new situation. Your stars suggest there is far more to be gained and enjoyed than there is to fear. Ring now to hear which sign is finally ready for commitment.

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LEO

Jul 23-Aug 22

You are going to find it hard to do anything that you have planned as a close one is going to be taking control of your schedule. Don't fight it though, there is much fun and possibly even romance to be had if you can just go with the flow. A more laid back attitude can also help you take a more realistic view of finances on Friday. Ring now to hear how I know you can solve financial issues.

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Jan 20-Feb 18

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Aug 23-Sep 22

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All advertisements will be accepted only on the express condition that the Advertiser warrants that the advertisement does not in any way contravene the provisions of the Trade Descriptions Act 1968.
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Public Notices

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D.O.B: 20 January 1953

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- Four nights' half-board accommodation in the four-star Caprici Verdi Hotel, Santa Susanna
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Look no further for a couple of festive days away and join us on this great value break to Bath's famous Christmas Market. Combining the very best of seasonal shopping and entertainment with Bath's spectacular Christmas lights. It's a Yuletide experience to remember!

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Head to the beautiful Yorkshire Dales for a festive weekend to remember! Step back in time at the Dickens Christmas Festival in the little village of Grassington and visit the lively town of Skipton, known as the 'Gateway to the Dales', where the annual Yuletide Festival and Market will be in full swing.

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Join us for Yuletide festivities at Warwick Castle together with a visit to Worcester's popular Victorian Christmas Fayre!

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There's nowhere quite like Paris, especially at Christmastime! Enjoy the magic of the French capital together with a visit to the historic city of Reims. Two enchanting Christmas markets - one great-value festive break!

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Powerful package can raise a smile

By David Duffy

I have driven plenty of powerful cars, high-riding cars and compact 4x4s — but never one that blended all three elements into such a remarkably edgy package.

Audi's RS tradition of blending quattro all-wheel-drive, sports suspension and outrageous power, works seamlessly in large, low-slung saloons, hatchbacks and estates, to produce luxurious vehicles with poise, grace and warp-speed acceleration.

But slotting the 2013 International Engine of the Year into the thoroughly delightful Q3 results in an altogether unsettling creation.

The turbocharged 2.5-litre, five-cylinder TFSI engine, linked to a seven-speed automatic transmission, produces 310 horsepower, propelling the RS Q3 from 0-62mph in just 5.5 seconds and on to a potential top speed electronically limited to 155mph. The whole concept of a high-performance-orientated sports utility vehicle is a little bizarre, but if you are going to produce one then you might as well make an excellent job of it. Audi has.

The RS Q3's suspension, which has been lowered by 25mm, delivers a good blend of comfort and control. Steering is taut with Audi's Drive Select system's control of throttle response, steering weighting

and transmission shift points, making comfort mode not over-light and dynamic not overly heavy. In dynamic mode, the engine note switches to an even more bass-heavy tone. Apart from that, the only other adjustment is a sport-mode selector for the twin-clutch gearbox.

Push hard and this little powerhouse will struggle to deliver 25mpg, but throttle back a bit and the combination of an efficient five-cylinder engine and a standard start-stop system contributes to the possibility of 32mpg fuel economy.

Styling is pretty restrained, though the car rides on striking 20-inch alloy wheels, and bodywork ranges from a high-gloss black honeycomb front grille and RS bumpers, to a large oval tailpipe. A matt aluminium roof spoiler, roof rails, special door sill plates and door trim strips also mark out the car.

Inside, the cabin is a similarly



POWER PACKED: The RS Q3 has a 310 bhp turbo engine

sporty affair, with grey instruments displaying white markings and red needles, a pair of heated and leather-upholstered front sports seats, a flat-bottomed steering wheel and inlays of aluminium.

Standard equipment also includes light and rain sensors, and a ten-speaker sound system incorporating iPod connection, a Bluetooth phone interface, xenon headlights with LED daytime running lamps and LED tail lights.

With the Q3 range starting at about £24,000, you could spend a lot less and still have an awful lot of fun. But even with its hefty price tag, the all-round ability of the RS Q3 can't fail to put a smile on your face.

Auto facts

Model: Audi RS Q3
Price: £43,000
Insurance group: 37
Fuel consumption (Combined): 32.1mpg
Top speed: 155mph
Length: 441cm/173.6in
Width: 183cm/72in
Luggage capacity: 12.6 cu ft
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CO2 emissions: 206g/km
Warranty: 3 years/60,000 miles

SilverstoneClassicnews

Moss to lead golden anniversary parade

RACING legend Sir Stirling Moss will lead a parade at this summer's Silverstone Classic (July 25-27) to honour Silverstone's milestone 50th grand prix, which takes place at the Northamptonshire venue just a few weeks before the Classic event.

Moss will also be fronting a glittering pageant of magnificent Maseratis to celebrate the revered Italian marque's centenary with full support from the manufacturer itself. The colourful cavalcade will feature both road and racing models — among the

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'Super Sunday's' track action will also witness no fewer than 11 showdowns for hundreds of the world's finest historic grand prix, GT, saloon and sportscars from motor sport's golden ages.

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Trophy for Pre '56 Sports Cars and the Royal Automobile Club Tourist Trophy for Historic Cars — both grids are unique to Sunday and each features more than 50 machines.

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■ MG has announced a five-part after-sales campaign offering complete customer peace of mind, as well as a pricing restructure for MG6 models, with all specifications available for under £20,000 and five years' free servicing, five years' warranty, five years' AA cover, £500 worth of fuel vouchers and five-year finance of five per cent APR.

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